

# INFORMATION SHEET

## EUROA GOODS SHED

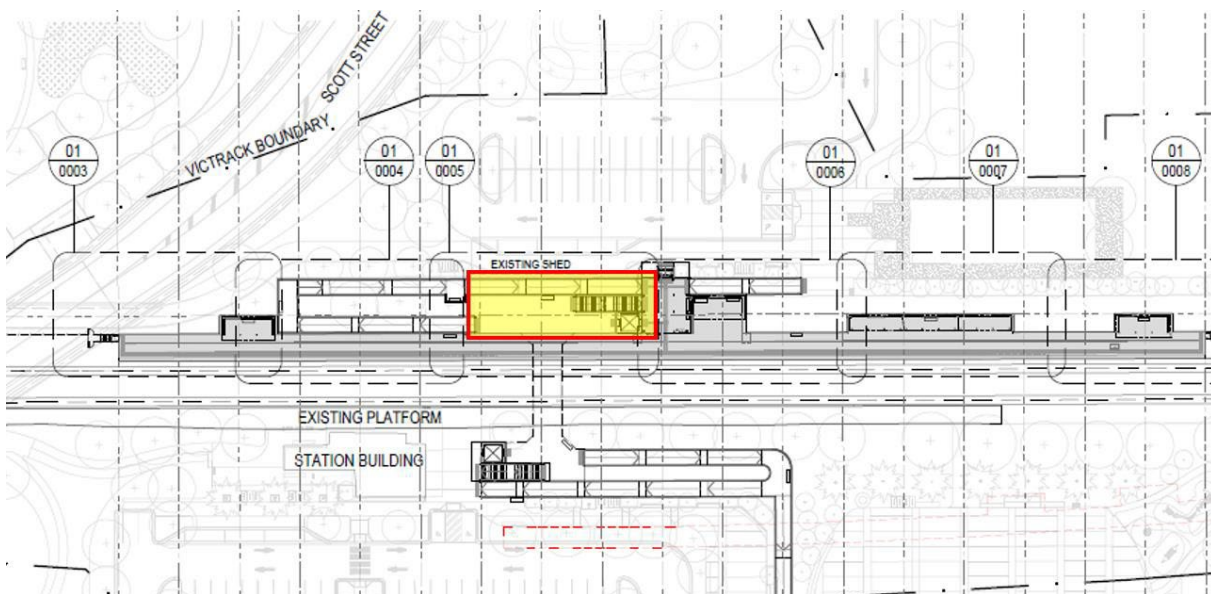
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### What is happening with the Goods Shed?

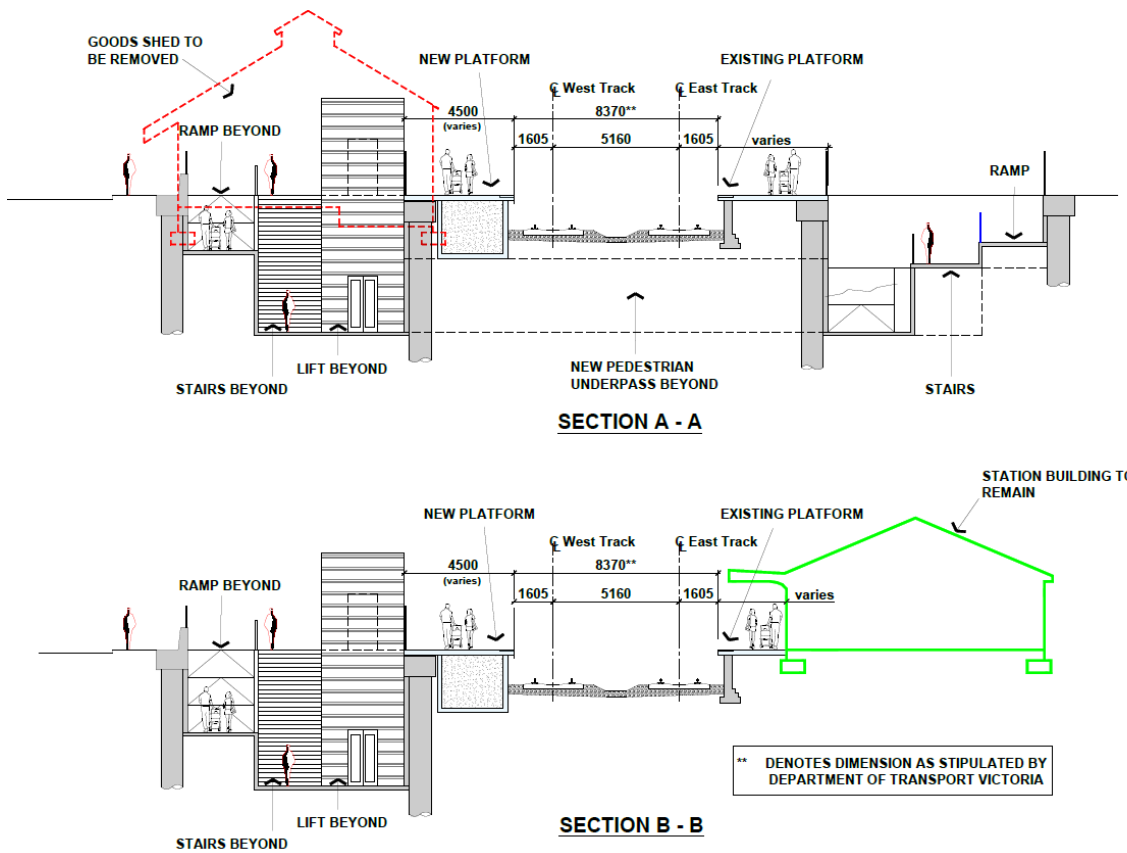
- As we've progressed the Reference Design in Euroa, we've identified that the Goods Shed site overlaps with the space needed to build the new rail and station infrastructure.
- An independent building assessment report received in August 2023 found the shed is severely dilapidated, poses a public health & safety risk and needs to be removed.
- An Interim Heritage Protection Order (IPO) was placed on the Goods Shed by the Heritage Council of Victoria in November 2023. While the Heritage Council deliberates on its decision, removal works are prohibited.
- As removal did not occur within the recommended timeframe, a follow-up inspection to reassess the structural condition was undertaken. The report received in February 2024 advised the worsening condition of the building and recommended demolition as soon as possible. In light of this, additional make-safe actions are being completed while the Heritage Council decision is pending.

### What rail and station infrastructure overlaps the Goods Shed site?

- The Euroa Station Precinct design relocates the rail track that is currently closest to Railway Street to run parallel to the other existing track, and builds a new station platform, accessible to all via a new pedestrian underpass with lifts, ramps and stairs.
- The dimensions of the new platform, lifts, ramps and stairs comply with the *Disability Discrimination Act* (DDA) and the asset owner's (VicTrack) requirements. The new platform, underpass, lifts, ramps and stairs are designed to be centrally located to reduce the distances that people with a disability need to travel.
- The diagrams below and over leaf shows all the required measurements for the new track and platform resulting in encroachment onto the entire length of the Goods Shed.



Engineering plan showing impact of Goods Shed (in yellow) with planned infrastructure.



Cross section showing overlap of new infrastructure with Goods Shed (shown in red).

### What is the current state of the Goods Shed and why is it a risk to public safety?

- An independent building assessment report has advised the building is structurally unsafe.
- The report identified numerous severe structural deficiencies, such as disconnected, split or rotten load bearing timber and stumps.
- These impact the lateral stability of the shed, posing risks to public safety as well as the shed collapsing onto the train line.
- A hazardous material survey identified lead dust, faecal material, SMF (synthetic mineral fibre), lead paint and PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) across the majority of the internal structure. Hazardous material clean-up will be undertaken in December.
- Follow-up inspections have revealed the worsening condition of the building, with increased rotation of the columns and further missing and loose cladding.

## Why didn't previous designs/information indicate that the Goods Shed needed to be removed?

- Previous designs shared with the community have been at concept level and focussed on the Anderson Street bridge solution only.
- Through the reference design process, the design has been refined to include the new underpass solution, Euroa Station Precinct and platform layout, which has now confirmed the conflict with the Goods Shed.

## Who owns the Goods Shed?

- The Goods Shed is owned by VicTrack, however it is managed and maintained by ARTC under a rail infrastructure lease.
- Rail infrastructure managers, such as ARTC, can make decisions about the assets within their leases to protect the safety of the public and rail workers.

## What are the next steps?

- We will await the outcome of the Interim Protection Order (IPO) placed on the Euroa Goods Shed by the Heritage Council of Victoria.
- A place or object that is subject to an IPO is protected under the *Heritage Act 2017*, while being assessed for consideration for inclusion in the Victorian Heritage Register.
- The second Inspection Report recommended make-safe works to minimise the risk posed by the Goods Shed.
- ARTC will undertake works in line with this advice and in consultation with the Heritage Victoria.